

# New Director Heads Wasatch

## County Alcohol and Drug Program

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A native Utahn, Robert Blanthorn is the new director of the Wasatch County Alcohol and Drug Prevention Program. The Alcohol and Drug Prevention Program also offers treatment for alcohol and drug abusers and is a branch of the County Health Department.

Robert is from Tooele County and attended high school there. He worked his way through college and received a B.S. in animal science and a minor in business from Utah State University. Robert worked in construction, ranching and on a dairy as assistant manager and herdsman after completing college.

Robert remained active taking correspondence classes in sociology, psychology and anthropology while working until he was

eventually accepted by the University of Utah Graduate School of Social Work. Robert specialized in alcohol and drug

abuse treatment at the university taking additional classes and doing his internship in the alcohol and drug field. Robert was active in education and counseling during his first year internship at the Salt Lake City Veteran's Administration Inpatient Alcohol Treatment Unit. He completed his second internship working in a residential treatment unit (The Haven Helping Hand Center) and additional hours counseling at the University of Utah medical center's drug and alcohol abuse treatment facility. This has given him a broad knowledge of the drug and alcohol field.

Robert received a dual track clinical and administrative master of social work at the university. He then worked as a social worker at Utah State Training School before accepting the director position in February. Robert lists reading good books, jogging and rodeo among his interests.

The new director stated that immediate agency goals will be to improve and insure confidentiality for those coming to the Heber facility. This goal will be accomplished by close supervision of records and personnel and offering more individual and group counseling in the evening to enhance privacy. This will also accommodate those who are busy in the days and seek intervention services. The new director stated that a second goal

was to set up therapeutic groups for young school age women and men whose lives were unmanageable because of alcohol and drug abuse. The groups will be run by Ari Levy (M.A. Therapist) and Coral Mangus (Prevention Specialist). The new director noted that his agency is cooperating with Alcoholics Anonymous, Alonon and Social Services. He also stated that the agency would continue coordinating with other governmental, civic and religious organizations in the area. The Alcohol and Drug Center offers educational classes for prevention and will offer these free of charge if contacted. The agency offers treatment for victims of alcoholism or drug addiction on a sliding scale fee. Treatment is offered to the indigent at no cost through federal Title XX funding. The agency is also willing to counsel families with drug related problems in the privacy of their homes - phone 654-3003 and leave a message or call 654-5240 at night to contact the director.

It is evident that one out of every ten individuals who is exposed to alcohol and drugs will become addicted and will need therapeutic intervention to overcome the addiction. There are many people who use or are in need of drug and alcohol programs in the Heber Valley.

The Alcohol and Drug Prevention program extends a hand of friendship to the community to those who need our services and to Robert, who has made a personal and professional commitment to enhance the quality of Wasatch County.

**safer for those that travel to work in other areas, and the work they are doing with the Summit Commission is attempting to find the best solution that would serve all the people involved.**

We still feel feverently that any alternative moved farther north would be disasterous to Heber Valley merchants. With the two alternatives as proposed by the commission, we feel that the public will be served well, and Heber Valley merchants will be affected less.



Do you have any complaints about the winter so far? One thing that you can not deny is that we certainly have had a lot of it. Maybe summer will be the same way and we will have a lot of summer. The good thing about summer is that you don't have to shovel any of it.

I have shoveled as much, almost, this winter as I did last winter. Well, maybe not quite as much. My roof is bare right now as I write this. Last winter my three sons came up and helped me shovel the snow from the roof. In one spot it was over seven feet deep where the wind whipped it around the chimney.

We had quite a blizzard during the wind storm last month. Some one asked me how much snow had fallen during the day. My reply was "eight inches up and down and eighty miles north and south."

Roads were shut down for two days and about half of my employees weren't able to get

## **Montgomery Attends Special**

### **Fire Marshall Conference**

**MURRAY**—Heber Valley Volunteer Fire Department Secretary Clyde Montgomery attended a meeting where new report methods were discussed to catch continual fire hazards.

"All fires will be reported from the community to the state, and then to the national office," said Montgomery of the new reporting methods. This method, with all offices reporting, will give leads on products that may have defects, flaws, or potentially dangers to starting fires.

Montgomery said that through

this system, the State Fire Marshall will be given, in advance, notice of items, to alert fire departments. Giving fire departments an easier time to fighting fires.

Montgomery explained that this is an updated version of the reporting method already used by the state, only this method is faster, and more accurate.

The report system was originated by the State Fire Marshalls Office and taught to the secretaries by the Marshalls Officers.

## **Sellier Closes Multi-l**

**NEW WORLD PICTURES**, Hollywood, California has negotiated a multi-million dollar motion picture production deal with Producer-Writer-Director Charles. E. Sellier, Jr. where in

New World will finance and distribute three motion pictures to be produced by Sellier and his

it was announced by Robert Rehme, New World Pictures co-chairman and chief executive officer.

The three films included in the deal are "Vigilante", "Dead Lessons", and "Black Mass", all to be directed by Sellier and produced by Allan C. Pedersen and Tom Chapman. All three